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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:	:
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Yoshiyuki ISHIKURA et al.	: Confirmation No.: 9548
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FOR: PREVENTIVE OR AMELIORATING)
AGENT FOR LIVER DISEASE)
INVOLVING HEPATOPATHY)

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the NON-FINAL Office Action mailed April 1, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and response. Applicants attach herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the period of response until on or before October 1, 2009. The Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.